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Miss AMERICA
MADELINE JOYCE IN THE ROLE OF MISS AMERICA Battles the MYSTERIOUS "PEDDLER of DOOM"
A THIRD LIFELESS BODY WAS DISCOVERED ON A LONELY ROAD IN THE VICTIM'S SMASHED CAR! POLICE KNOW THE MOTIVE WAS ROBBERY, THE CLOTHES OF THE VICTIM HAVING BEEN RANSACKED---
THE SOLE CLUE IS A STRONG SCENT OF ROSES THAT--- (CLICK)
THAT REMINDS ME TO GET SOME FLOWERS FOR UNCLE JIM!

MADELINE ENTERS THE FLORIST SHOP AND WHILE WAITING TO BE SERVED--- HER ALERT MIND PUZZLES UPON THE APPEARANCE OF A SHABBY OLD WOMAN!
WONDER WHY SHE IS BUYING SUCH EXPENSIVE FLOWERS? THAT SALESMAN CERTAINLY IS CATERING TO HER!
A FEW MINUTES LATER-- IN THE BANK NEXT DOOR!
THAT OLD WOMAN AGAIN! SHE'S SELLING THOSE FLOWERS!
ROSES! BEAUTIFUL ROSES! TWENTY FIVE CENTS!
OH-OH! I KNEW IT! THOSE ROSES COST TWICE THAT!
BEAUTIFUL ROSES! BUY A ROSE!
AH! IT DOES SMELL WONDERFUL! I'LL TAKE ONE!
SHE FOLLOWED THAT MAN WHO DREW THAT LARGE SUM OF MONEY!
HASTILY MAKING HER WAY TO A DESERTED SPOT BEHIND THE BANK, MADELINE CHANGES TO "MISS AMERICA!"
NOT THE RED ROSE! HERE TAKE THIS WHITE ONE! IT SMELLS BETTER!
VERY WELL! I'LL TAKE THE WHITE ROSE!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON! I'LL WATCH AS THAT MAN WITH THE ROSE LEAVES THE BANK!
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FROM HER POINT OF VANTAGE ON AN OPPOSITE ROOF, MISS AMERICA WATCHES THE DRAMA UNFOLD!
THERE GOES THE MAN WITH THE ROSE INTO HIS CAR! OH-OH! THAT CAR BEHIND HIS IS STARTING TO FOLLOW!
SOMETIME LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY!
PRETTY CLEVER! THE OLD WOMAN SPOTS THE VICTIM DRAWING A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, SELLS HIM A WHITE ROSE AND THE THUGS WATCHING, KNOW WHOM TO FOLLOW!
WONDER IF I'M ON THE WRONG TRACK! SO FAR, THEY'VE MADE NO MOVE TO OVERTAKE HIM TO ROB--?? OH-OH! SOMETHING WRONG DOWN THERE!
O.K.! THERE HE GOES! PULL UP! THEY'LL CRASH ANY MINUTE!
THE MAN WITH THE ROSE MUST'VE LOST CONTROL---OR DID HE?
CRASH!
COME ON! BEFORE SOMEONE COMES ALONG!
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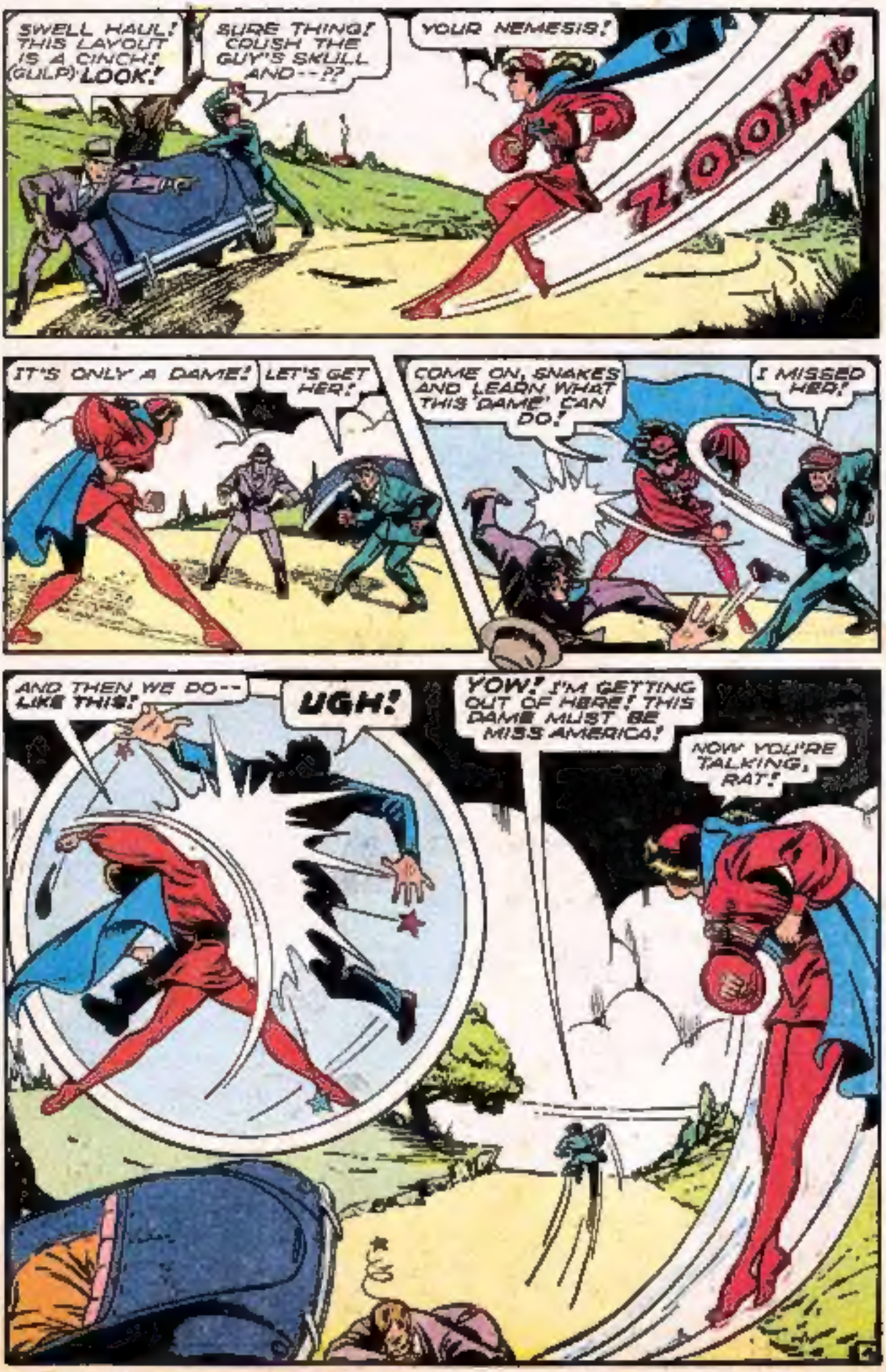
SWELL HAUL! THIS LAYOUT IS A CINCH! (GULP) LOOK!
SURE THING! CRUSH THE GUY'S SKULL AND--??
YOUR NEMESIS!
ZOOM!
IT'S ONLY A DAME!
LET'S GET HER!
COME ON, SNAKES AND LEARN WHAT THIS 'DAME' CAN DO!
I MISSED HER!
AND THEN WE DO-- LIKE THIS!
UGH!
YOW! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! THIS DAME MUST BE MISS AMERICA!
NOW YOU'RE TALKING, RAT!

GOOD! HERE COMES THE STATE POLICE!
YOW!
ZOOM!
THIS IS SO THE BOYS WON'T HAVE TROUBLE WITH YOU!
HEY! IT'S MISS AMERICA!
SPLAT!
BY THE TIME MISS AMERICA EXPLAINS TO THE POLICE, THE MAN WITH THE ROSE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS!
THANKS! I GUESS I FELL ASLEEP AND CRASHED!
HEY! SHE SNATCHED THE ROSE FROM YOUR LAPEL!
SO LONG! I GOT A DATE WITH A FLORIST!
MINUTES LATER--- A FLYING FIGURE ZOOMS TO A LANDING AT THE DOOR OF THE FLORIST SHOP NEXT TO THE BANK!
OH-OH! JUST IN TIME!
ZOOM!
WE'RE CLOSING-- WOOF-F!
RATHER BADLY, ISN'T IT?
THE WILY SALESMAN'S HAND FURTIVELY REACHES FOR A HIDDEN BUZZER---
I DEMAND YOU LEAVE! WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS!
--AND STOP TRYING TO WARN YOUR FELLOW RATS!
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WILL YOU TALK OR DO I---?
YES! YES! DON'T HIT ME! I'LL TALK!
SECRET DOODS UNDER RUGS! I'LL LEAVE THIS WORM HERE!
--AND WITHIN THE ROOM, WHILE MISS AMERICA LISTENS OUTSIDE THE DOOR...
THAT OLD WOMAN AGAIN!
THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A COOL TEN GRAND IN THAT ROLL!
THEY'RE GONE A LONG TIME! MAYBE THIS STUFF DIDN'T WORK!
RIDICULOUS! THE DRUG IS FOOL PROOF! I UNDERSTAND THE VICTIM WAS DRIVING AN OPEN CAR! IT WOULD TAKE LONGER FOR THE DRUG TO OVERPOWER HIM!
WHY NOT MAKE THIS STUFF STRONG ENOUGH TO KILL THE VICTIMS!
IDIOT! THAT WOULD LEAVE A CLUE! WHAT THE--?
PRETTY CLEVER!
CRASH

IT'S MISS AMERICA! GET HER QUICK OR WE'RE SUNK!
THAT WON'T BE EASY!
WHAT A STOOGE "OLD LADY!" I WONDER?
CRASH!
THE MURDEROUS TRIO ARE NO MATCH FOR THE FURY OF MISS AMERICA!
PUT THAT NEEDLE DOWN, BUB!
POW!
LET ME GO! YOU WOULDN'T HURT AN OLD WOMAN!
NO! NOT AN OLD WOMAN--
--BUT A MURDEROUS RAT DISGUISED AS AN OLD WOMAN!
NOT FAST ENOUGH WITH A GUN!
THE POLICE GOT HERE PRETTY FAST! "MUST HAVE HEARD THE SHOT! THE "HOT SEAT" IS GOING TO HAVE PLENTY OF CUSTOMERS!
ZOOM!
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